

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, December 13, 2005.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer.

Eternal God, Your assistance enables us to take one day at a time in our daily struggle to fulfill our responsibilities and to meet the expectations of the people whom we represent. In our diverse communities and in these changing times, we need to recognize the important issues of the day as well as the future needs of the Commonwealth and the people. Teach us to respect the human dignity, the civil, human and religious rights of all people in our society. If and when we disagree on legislative and public policy matters, let our disagreements rest on solid principles and the interpretation of available data. May we remain faithful to our ideals, principles and beliefs.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Flynn), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Papers from the Senate.

Automatic amusement devices.

A Bill relative to automatic amusement devices (Senate, No. 1350, amended by adding at the end thereof the following section:

“SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on December 31, 2005.”; and by inserting before the enacting clause the following emergency preamble:

“Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to exempt automatic amusement devices from certain requirements, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.”) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Auburn, land conveyance.

A Bill authorizing the town of Auburn to convey a certain parcel of land (Senate, No. 2162) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Reports

Of the committee on Children and Families, asking to be discharged from further consideration

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 69) of Robert S. Creedon, Jr. for legislation to promote the permanent placement of children with fit parents; Children, placements.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 70) of Robert S. Creedon, Jr. for legislation to further the interests of children in need of services Children in need of services.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Severally accepted by the Senate, were considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and they were accepted, in concurrence.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Donato of Medford, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the House Bill authorizing the city of Gardner to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 4558) [Local Approval Received] be scheduled for consideration by the House. Gardner, liquor license.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of Mr. Smizik of Brookline, the bill was read a second time forthwith; and it was ordered to a third reading.

By Mrs. Owens-Hicks of Boston, for the committee on Children and Families, on Senate, No. 1187 and House, No. 2829, a Bill to promote the healthy development of children and youth (House, No. 2829). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means. Children and youth, development.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill relative to elevator license examinations (Senate, No. 2216, amended) ought to pass. Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling. Elevator license, exams.

By Mrs. Owens-Hicks of Boston, for the committee on Children and Families, on a petition, a Bill relative to the mandatory reporting of child abuse (House, No. 3868). Child abuse.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Housing, on a petition, a Bill further regulating annual meetings of condominiums (House, No. 3159). Condominiums.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to senior housing (House, No. 3189). Senior housing.

By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, for the committee on the Judiciary, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Marion Dawicki, an employee of the Trial Court (House, No. 4554). Marion Dawicki.

By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill relative to sick leave banks (House, No. 271). Sick leave banks.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the application of Benjamin Joress for a civil service examination for police officer notwithstanding the minimum age requirement (House, No. 4352). Benjamin Joress.

Maureen
Quinney.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank from Maureen Quinney, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (House, No. 4450).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Engrossed Bill.

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enacted.

The engrossed Bill designating a certain bridge in the town of Dighton as the Lance Corporal John J. Van Gyzen IV memorial bridge (see Senate, No. 1945, changed) (which originated in the Senate), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,—

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sitting.

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.